# Skinder of the blot asimote was almost was a substantly as a modern of the compact of the contract of the cont WEITTEN FOR THE SUNDAY REPUBLIC. A sumptuous Christmas repast served in the commodians recesses of the Editorial Mind has certain advantages over the more material feasts which are set before the public at the clubs and leading banquet places of the nation. In the first place, neither time, previous sugagements for intervening space between invited guest and greating board need but the guest's attendance. It is quite as easy to imagine the Ameri-san Ambassader at Paris present at such a feast, in spite of the thousand leagues that separate him from us. Senator Impew might easily have made

the welkin ring with eloquence, in person, by telephone or phonograph at a dezen other banquets at the very moment that ours was in progress.

They might still be with us in spirit, since

It is the spirit of such an occusion, rather than the viands and the vintages, that invites the soul. Again, the morning hours that follow entail no such invidious thoughts reflecting on the joy of living as too frequently are found in the immediate train of a rousing dinner

The imaginary banquet knows not the

The imaginary banquet knows not the main who smokes too much 'twixt assembly hour and parting.

The wines are of the best to him of educated fancy, and may be drained unto the diegs and drained again without an expansiveness of brain too great for pleasure when the dawn brenks on the scene.

One need not fear that in the ment burks a thing or two that twinges the digestion and gives yellow, blue and greenish hues to backs into his first tailor-made suit •

berred the hosts to other fendts for samples of their windom and their humer.

The noble Twain, who's given much to all markind, is represented here by words of wisdom that should guide his fellow-crafts, man in the art which he better the stranger of the wildow entire the stranger of men in the art which he hath mastered. Sage and quipsome "Dooley," saying naught, was yet included in the goodly company by those who wished him there, and having but the wish to give them counterance, accounted him among the wits who "also ran."

o'erlong in stature, but too brief of speech, the fancy also conjured up. The ever young Depew, who must be watched right closely, since in growing backward as to age he may yet be found delighting us with tales of other days like

him grown young again.

And Ade the master of a slanguage as murvelous as mellifluous-and Tarkington. 

• FORMER JUDGE HEARY E. •

• The Gentleman from Indiana's way, no orator, perhaps, but speaker of repute when in

And Lauterbach, and Howland and a host And Lauterbach, and Howland and a host of other men of wit and wisdom must sagacious in the funcied recess of the sanctum's banquet half sat 'round the festal loard.

The words that fell from lips like those,

or might have fallen thence, are set down here for reasons that seem good to one whose only thought is, in these gladsome days, to add somewhat unto the good cheer of the land. The tales they tell the wise saws they

indulge in and their quips and quirks hath some point of humor or philosophy that men may take and inwardly algest with profit, laughter and the betterment of

yet it might have been; and some day it the future it may be that this, our Christmas dream, may yet come true. Thus they spake:

### F++++++++++++++++ MARK TWAIN.

Only thirty-live jokes exist; you may set that down as a first principle. All others

Only thirty-five! Just think of it! Perhaps some American will discover the thirty-sixth.

That would be worth living for.

But there are more than thirty-five ways

of being funny.

These may be divided into two great groups-being funny intentionally and being

than who do the former, I can give professional after-dinner speak-ers one piece of advice, and at the same time reveal a trick of the trade. The fun-

niest thing in the world is the truth.

Tell the plain truth and people will always laugh at it-take it as a joke. if I get up at a dinner and refer to a man us at insincere galoot. I mean a man who is present at the dinner-he, as well as everyhody clse, will laugh. Everyhody at the table knows that he's a fraud, and al-

ways has been a fraud, and always will be But when I tell them of it they saleker and laugh and think I'm the funniest man

first, and then you can distort them as much as you please, in the sublime confi-dence and with the absolute certainty that your hearers will find you excruciating.

## CHAUNCEY M. DEPEW.

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The Christmas dinner, being the most elaborate feast of the year, ought to incite the post-prandial speaker to his high water

eaten in the railroad restaurant of a town as wives are, to find out her husband's that, for story-telling purposes, we will call | weak points.

in the lusty companionship of our cheerful • TERSE TRUTHS BY THE WITS. • Only thirty-five jokes exist,-Mark .

a thing or two that twinges the digestion and gives yellow, blue and greenish hues to backs into his first tailor-made suit backs in the his first tailor-made suit backs in the water, "I will pull you out if you promise never day attends upon the raising of the night. To such a harquet certain folk of colquent tailet were invited. Some there were who came and some who stayed away.

Some brought new thoughts and anecticate, and some said naught, and some re-

many years a never-ending source of com-plaint and denunciation on the part of the patrons of the road.

patrens of the road.
One day I personally received a long harangue from the up State farmer, what would up by saving that he had read 16.60)
of my after-dinner stories, all of which he of my after-dinner stories, all of which he day on which he puts aside his "store"

\*\*SIMEOV FORD.\*\* the 'also ran.'

The towering and funereal Simeon Ford, but he object of speech, but he famey also conjured up.

But he vowed that if I were to eat the dinner he find eaten in the restaurant at the day of which he puts aside his 'store clothes' and backs into his first tailor-made suit is a very large crimson day of the day of which he puts aside his 'store clothes' and backs into his first tailor-made suit is a very large crimson day of the day of which he puts aside his 'store clothes' and backs into his first tailor-made suit is a very large crimson day of the day of which he puts aside his 'store clothes' and backs into his first tailor-made suit is a very large crimson day of the day of which he puts aside his 'store clothes' and backs into his first tailor-made suit is a very large crimson day of the day of which he puts aside his 'store clothes' and backs into his first tailor-made suit is a very large crimson day of the day of which he puts aside his 'store clothes' and backs into his first tailor-made suit is a very large crimson day of the day of which he puts aside his 'store clothes' and backs into his first tailor-made suit is a very large crimson day of the day of which he puts aside his 'store clothes' and backs into his first tailor-made suit is a very large crimson day of the day of which he puts aside his 'store clothes' and the day of which he puts aside his 'store clothes' and the day of which he puts aside his 'store clothes' and the day of which he puts aside his 'store clothes' and the day of which he puts aside his 'store clothes' and the day of which he puts aside his 'store clothes' and the day of which he puts aside his 'store clothes' and the day of which he puts aside his 'store clothes' and the day of which he puts aside his 'store clothes' and the day of which he puts aside his 'store clothes' and the day of which he puts as 'store clothes' and the day of which he puts as 'store clothes' and the day of which he puts aside his 'store clothes' and the day of which he puts aside his "Podunk" I would have made some original remarks which would have been worth. For two years or more I had been plend. I am no hypersels. going a hundred miles to hear.

> HOWLAND.

Euphrasie, now more than 70 years old.

"I eat my four meals a day, washed down with good wine, and walk a couple of

"Then you are content" "Certainly. That is to say, I should be it riding to the Iroquals River, four unless I was not meany about the future of Eu- perses the basel corn fields from the roding. "How is that"

"Yes, that torments me. I see her gree Ing more and more feeble every day. She and feet grows old-I realize that and I aften ask to the taken myself. Who will take care of rie when she

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Once in a Pernsylvante court "Tom" buished Marshall, the lawyer, was using quite abusive language, and the Judge, after one or two severe reprimands, fined him sie for contempt.

Mr. Marshall looked at the Judge with a smile and asked where he was to get the money, as he had not a cent. "Borrow it of a friend," said the court.

remit the fine.

At least such would be the philosophy of an old up State farmer, who once wrote me a wrathful letter regarding a meal he had

Podunk—the real name of the place on the one of these was a shame of his former map was Utica.

It was in the days before the railroad string until the poor wretch was nearly behalf gone into the restaurant business it.

had gone into the restaurant business it-self, and when we rented a room in the sta-Her touchword, "Scissors," spoiled his

The elementors instrument was bei-toutly brandished before his eyes. They were walking one day on the bank of a river bone ling his grounds.
"Yes observe," said he, "the delta formed

me to thee the posturity."
"Very probably, my dear; it reminds one

is for gone to speak, but, as the water los d over her, she threw up her arms enessed her forelingers and disappeared.

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the feet a "made" suit of clothes one that a the work a left of it in my nature, that not bunch around the colors of bulge | the color of the who have the My parents, who were very well acquaints

ed with me, bold me that I was growing so rapidly and was so much given to danger ous nervicities, that it would be a waste of

"What great not did be perform?"

The girl hung her head and stammered out: "I don't know."

"Be comfurted, my child," said the King, "I don't know, either."

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One of my friends in Finner governments the suit before I had worn it a mouth, his grandfather, who has recently entered the suit before I had worn it a mouth, his ninety-fifth year, living transquirty in I had maintained that I would reverse all my elether for the first time in my in ... but, instattuming, common a my elether for the first time in my in ... but, instattuming, common down there.

A low is a country town wearing his first ... the type equalst add my ellents the "How are you to-day, gran-flather" said my friend, the other day.
"Very well, my little man," he regied, character and receives many attentions.

which may among a difficient youth, in other to escape this security and become privately accuriomed to my new re-mails I accepted an invitation to go image

at, called Kentland.
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enot and there was a low runble of three-

"Refered I have. Will you lend me the best friend I have. Will you lend me the many?"

"Mr. Clerk," said the Judge, "you may remit the fine.

"The State is as able to lose it as I am."

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and the three of which proving into the soft black mud of Irdiam. The horse escaped and ran toward town, with various tatters of harness and buggy stranging after it

the nearest form and left it there.

Then we started to walk home with our rousers rolled up, carrying our shoes. It rained some more. I decided that I would not go home. I would run away and join a circus.

I stood under a tree in the suburbs until But when I did go home the comedy of the

catastrophs saved me.
I was peeled and sent to bed.

If In one of the mistoriones of my Efection

I have often thought how pleasant it would be to tell a story or entertain my

ever beard of a farmer-us lawyer. Though 1 have abardened law, the money to provide me with an expensive sus-money to provide me with an expensive sus-monapolity of the profession re-

traveling through Jutland he one day and tered a school and form! the children lively and int-ligent and quite ready to answer his questions.

"Well, children," said he, "what are the names of the greatest Kings of Denmark".

With one accord they cried out, "Camute the Great, Waldernar and Christian IV."

Just then a little girl to whom the school master had whispered something stood up and raised her hand.

"Do you know another?" asked the King.

"Yes, Frederick VI."

"What great net did he perform?"

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table of but not deeply—I only touched him | HOOOOOOOOOOOOO

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was a cloudburst.

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ents, weeping softly, and we statted back like dependent upon them for support? I o town where a cust with an ingrowing intellect will be appreciated.

I had been troubled with a bad liver.

> was saddest, hence people were continually calling me a roll-king wit, when death was actually work to the said garden. My family physician said if I would go

TI'N FOR THE SUNDAY REPUBLIC. A findiar figure on once street in the sign dock is Dinks L. Parrish, reharmesting his delivery wagon horses when they come for their loads in the morning and at noon. In his overcout and requestly kid-gloved, Mr. Parrish performs hostlers' service on his own horses.

When asked why he old this, he said that

LOOSENING THE

few hostlers ever harnessed a horse to suit him.
This is what he has to say with regard

BY DINKS I. PARRISH. "To see a horse properly harnessed is a newsetty with me. If a loose is not prop-erly harnessed, it is not only to the horse's discomfort, but is liable to cause accidents, "When wagons have be go out all day, the horses are changed. Hostlers, who are always in a hurry, hardly ever adjust the harness to a smaller below, after they have Taken it off the larger one.

A harness that is too loose on a horse is just like a shoe that is too big for a

"It chafes and galls a horse and causes "It chafes and galls a horse and causes sore backs, sore necks and sore tails.

"We provide collars for our horses that are no larger than those used in ordinary runalouts, and to this fact I attribute it, that all of last summer our horses never suffered from sore necks.

"The heavy collar would sway about so

much from its own weight that it would cause sore spots on the horse. This only applies to horses that trot,

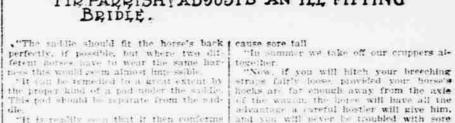
"I think it positively inhumane to use big rollars on horses who pull light de-livery wagons and trot all day. This would not be the case with horses who only have to walk. "A load of 750 pounds to 1000 pounds should not call for more than a light collar,

properly adjusted. "In starting a load of that weight, unless up a hill or in the mud, the horse never gets a pull of more than 300 to 300 pounds. "A well-fitted harness does not irritate : harm's temper. For instance: The bridle should fit the borse's head saugly, with

sufficient length so as not to wrinkle his "Above all the throat latch should not be "Hostlers frequently make this mistake while firstening the throat latch of the bri-dle by doing it when the horse's head is down, at which time his throat is thick

in my life.
"The strap looks all right until you put
the horse's head into position, and then you
find that it is too tight.
"In wagon harness for light delivery the

next thing to fit is the coloar, which should be close everywhere except at the threat, where it should be example forger than his neck to get one's hand under.



DINKS PARRISH, GENTLEMAN HOSTLER OF ST. LOUIS

Why Mr. Parrish Reharnesses His Horses in the Morning and at Noon.

The circle of the conformation of the conformation of the circle of the "In saddle horses I have never had a ton tight, not ton book, and the skin man to fasten the throat latch to suit me to my life.

The never had a ton tight, not ton book, and the skin man to fasten the throat latch to suit me in the horse's arm will cause baseers.

if the waren, the house will have all the elementars a careful hostler will give him. and you will never be troubled with sore backs sore shoulders, sore necks or sore The large is the most abused an mal, and should be the least so.

TAL the same time he is not intentionally but q in most cases, but for the reason that he frequently gets into the hands of

or like a toy,
"Such persons have no knowledge of the nature and temperatural of animals, and think they are kind to them, when they

saving method has grown to be accepted

as quite the proper thing.

The beformality of the telephone method

of communication is what appeals to the younger generation of society. An invitation given or accepted or rejected in this way has not the importance attached to the old method of a note delivered by a messenger.

the feliphone was introduct as a flar and one pondered common attent between a man's office and this was a serious affair and one pondered his home chiefly, then I becan to be used over the answer to send, the extent of the This was a serious affair and one pondered for the ordering of the second in the vari-marying up slow tracesment and the vari-ters. social obligation involved, and other mat-



A YOUNG WATER NYMPH. Jean Milton Tober, aged 14 months, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Tober, of Kemper, Je sey County, Ill.



MR PARRISH! ADJUSTS AN ILL FITTING

tion.
"If the lower, the smalls will move on his leark and tall him. That is where the rore tack comes for "Of course, the crapper and the check would partially offs; this bosoness, but if the crupper is too rightly adjusted it would

fill some place that has been left vacant

sages of this sort newscays.

When it first gained extrance to residences

the relephone was intended as a means of

for the ordering of this to marketing for

If the last moment. In fact, there is a fed for telephoning mes-

with a box, while the cool breezes fanned to luncheon or the marinee, and even for | sages of a social nature in this way; but so sections a function as a dimer it is quite common now for a horess to call up a frient at the fact moment, frankly admitting by the action that she only desires to the moment of the moment of the control of the co my brow, it would have a benign and mel-lowing effect on my liver. He also volunteered to supply we with watermeion and cucumber seeds, also cut

rings from his favorite flower, the nightblooming hypotermic sample.

1 year, trusting tool, I distend to his but-I rancel a large crop of waterm-cons, neumbers, blisters and chilis and fever.

The latter, especially, grew and flourashed

with girat insufance. toyer the watermeions and encumbers I

meeting-and he would smoke my 2-com-cigats while I sat by with a cylical chief and a collical the thousanders, on my high-As these mesterimes came to me of its comes never tell ind someons story in the

## BOOTH TARKINGTON. . . .

smesh at Indianapods in the percut campaties, paties a strar a particularly forestur-by, or argument had been propounded by him, and exenamed: "Now, gent onen, what instantly a man rose in the assembly, and

An Indiana stamper, while making a

said of cooties I had better remove it and put it on the running genra under the has a send no in twomming until the storm had not be not been and a set of the two and a single of the two and a stimulated on the two and a stimulated on the two and a stimulated on the put of the stranger of the strange

### GIVE INVITATIONS OVER TELEPHONE.

St. Louis Society Young Women Are No. Delayed by the Time - Consuming Methods of Several Years Ago.

One reason why the art of letter writing

is dying out is that the telephone is being

eacd more than ever as a means of commu-

nication between friends in the matter of invitations, for the announcement of im-periant events and for the sending of these which caused me to seem humorous when a was sadded, for the people were continually calling me a roll-king wit, when death was at my elbow.

To put my liver in working order again, so that I world seem serious even when bursting with humor, my playscian, who was trying to lift a heavy mortgage on his house, persuaded me to start a garden, and actually work to the said garden, and actually work to the said garden.

My family physician said if I would go The modern youth or maiden picks up out every morning and irritate the garden the telephone and dispatches an invitation